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Friday, 17 October 1952

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1. Chatted briefly with [REDACTED] as to the implications of his new post, representing DCI in projects matters.

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4. [REDACTED] called respecting the review of the summary evaluation paper and I undertook to have our agreed form of revision in his hands some time Monday. I explained that the delay had arisen because of the absence from Washington of General Samford.

5. Informed DCI of the outbreak in Indonesia and gave him the pertinent cables.

6. At the Deputies' meeting, DCI made some reference to a proposed new organization for projects review. I spoke up as to how this would affect projects arising from the Intelligence Offices, but DCI interrupted to make it plain that his proposal applied solely to cold war or OPC type projects.

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7. Following the Deputies' meeting, I warned [REDACTED] of my view that approaches to [REDACTED] should be made with great caution, since my interpretation of the situation was that [REDACTED] were being withdrawn from action for rest and refitting, but I expected them to be back in the fight within a matter of months. Accordingly, [REDACTED]

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8. Raised briefly with [REDACTED] my talk yesterday with Admiral Stout about [REDACTED] conference and he is going to see me next week about this. In the meantime, I shall prepare a memorandum of my understanding of the terms on which we would participate in future conferences.

9. Attended PRC.

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10. Approved, at the request of [REDACTED] of O/NE, the release of certain figures to a man in ODM who is giving a talk at the War College. These figures were largely contributed by ODM and the release will be coordinated with Amory and there is no question of security since he has adequate clearance.

11. Lunched with Sherman Kent and Ed Porter (JIG) to discuss the procedure to be followed on NIE 64. The issue was whether or not an attempt would be made to refine the so-called "war-gaming" aspects of the conclusions, or to revise the conclusions to eliminate any "war-gaming" aspects. In exploring this with General Porter, he explained the difficulty of modifying these paragraphs and indicated that the indefiniteness of certain portions was deliberate, since the planners did not have adequate studies to enable them to sharpen up their conclusions. After considerable discussion, it was determined that it would, perhaps, be preferable to eliminate all "war-gaming" factors from these conclusions. Dr. Kent later informed me that the Board had concurred in this view and he is telephoning General Porter to this effect.

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12. Attended meeting with [REDACTED] representatives to review the [REDACTED] case and its implications.

13. Attended meeting of Career Service Board.

14. Approved substitution of a revised paper on Franco-Soviet negotiations in the President's Book.

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15. Red White phoned to express his high regard for [REDACTED] and I indicated to Mr. Reber that, subject to his concurrence, I planned to Chat with [REDACTED] with a view to having him perform for DD/I Offices the type of things that [REDACTED] does for DD/P offices. Reber concurred.

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25X1A2g 16. Was briefed by representatives of Mr. Wisner on the so-called [REDACTED] I indicated that as far as I was concerned this project had a definite intelligence value, but it did not, in my view, justify the capital expenditure that was proposed. Whether or not the intelligence aspect, plus the others, would justify such a capital investment, I could not say. I inclined to the view that the CIA investment should be no more than the amount being invested by private individuals, and that if CIA took such an investment it should take common stock rather than preferred. The risk was about the same, and common would share in any real increment. } DDP

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17. Briefed [REDACTED] Office (FE) on my talk with Admiral Stout relating to procedures to be followed at future tripartite conferences in the Far East. [REDACTED] undertook to prepare a memorandum of understanding, for signature by Mr. Wisner, which I could forward under covering memorandum to Admiral Stout. 25X1A9a

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